

CONTINUATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE Estates in Scotland.

On Monday and Tuesday, the 18th and 19th of this Instant
March, 1689.

Licensed and Entered according to Order.

THE House in the first place Ordered a Proclamation to be drawn, for bringing in the Arrears of the Publick Revenue; the Draught of it did bear, That the Money was to be employed for Raising Forces for securing the Protestant Religion, &c. But after much Debate, this was altered, and the words, For Raising Forces, left out.

The House approved the Address and Proceedings of the Nobility and Gentry that had been at London, and had there desired the then Prince of Orange to take upon Him the Administration of the Government: A Committee was appointed to draw an Answer to the King of England's Letter: No man moved for an Answer to King James's Letter: only the man that brought it, begged a Pass to go to Him in Ireland; and begged Security not to carry to Him any Letter or Paper from any Person whatsoever.

A Motion was made, That those who had Refused to Sign the Act, by which the Freedom and Lawfulness of the Meeting was asserted, should be turned out of the House, which were not above Six or Seven. Some Letters being read from several Noblemen and Gentlemen in Ireland, and begging their Assistance, Two Thousand Firelocks, and Twenty Barrels of Powder, were ordered to be sent them immediately. Upon this occasion, Four Thousand Muskets, and Two

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Thousand Fusces, and Six Hundred Barrels of Powder, were ordered to be Bought, and brought Home.

The House was inform'd, that the Lord Viscount of Dundee had had a Conference with the Duke of Gourdon, at the Postern-Gate of the Castle, tho the Convention had forbid all Correspondence with him under pain of Treason, and that the said Lord (who came no more to the Convention) was seen near the Town, and 40 or 50 Horse with him. The Convention immediately ordered him to be Summoned; but he was gone *West*, towards *Linlithgow*, which being the Road to *Stirling*, it's thought his Design may be to Surprize that Castle, which commands the Pass of Communication betwixt the North and South Parts of Scotland: The Convention ordered a Major with 80 Horse to go after him; and the Earl of Marr, who is Governor of *Stirling*-Castle, is gone to it by their Order, to Secure it against any Surprize or Attempt.

Ordered, That all Persons betwixt 16 and 60, be in a Readiness to take Arms, when the Convention shall require it; At the same time, several suspected Officers of the *Militia*, were turned out, and others put in their places; and Sir Patrick Hume (excepted out of the Late King James's Indemnity) ordered to Command the *Militia* Horse of his County: It was likewise Ordered, That Eight Hundred Men should be Levied and Armed under the Command of my Lord Leaven, who has a Regiment in the King of England's Service: The 800 men were found in two Hours time.

The House finding that Sir George Mackenzie, late Lord Advocate, Five of the Bishops, that came to the Convention, and several others, had withdrawn themselves, all the absent Members were ordered to be Summoned.

The Duke of Gourdon made bear a Parly, and desired once more to Treat; but his Demands are such, as he knows the Convention will not grant: He requiring, That the same Security and Indemnity that was agreed upon for himself, should be extended to about 40 Persons more, that he should name; and that after he had delivered up the Castle, he might have a pass to go to King James in Ireland, to satisfy him with the Reasons of his delivering it up; and giving Security for his Return back.

Those that seem to agree as to the Manner of Settling the Government, differ as to the Time of doing it; Some are of Opinion, that it is to be done immediately, as the best Expedient for preventing Disorders; Others think it better to delay the entering upon that Point for some Days, for several Reasons.

The House Adjourned to Thursday at Ten of the Clock, upon which Day, King William's Letter is to be Answered; and 'tis said the Lord John Hamilton will be Sent up with it.

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